

What is claimed is:

1. A method of using a wireless scheduling device to determine schedule availability for a set of attendees, the method comprising:

5 a. communicating an availability request to a server using the wireless scheduling device, the server having access to calendar data for each attendee in the set of attendees;

b. in response to the availability request, conducting a search of the calendar data of each attendee of the set to produce an availability data set;

10 c. transmitting the availability data set to the wireless scheduling device.

2. A method according to claim 1, further including:

15 displaying data derived from the availability data set on the wireless scheduling device.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein the data derived from the availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.

20 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the availability request is communicated to the server via a network.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the network includes the Internet.

25 6. A method according to claim 1, wherein the availability request includes an identifier for each attendee and a time period for which availability should be determined.

30 7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the identifier for each attendee is an email address.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein the calendar data for each attendee is stored in an availability database in communication with the server.

9. A method according to claim 1, further including:
5 scheduling an event based on the availability data set.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the event is scheduled using the wireless scheduling device.

11. A method according to claim 9, further including:
updating the calendar data for each attendee with the scheduled event.

12. A method according to claim 1, further including before step b:
requesting access to the calendar data for each attendee in the set of
15 attendees.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein access to calendar data is requested via email over the Internet.

14. A system for determining schedule availability of a set of attendees using a wireless scheduling device, the system comprising:

a first process, running on the wireless scheduling device in communication with a server, for communicating an availability request to the server, the server having access to calendar data for each attendee in the set of
25 attendees;

a second process, running on the server, for conducting a search of the calendar data of each attendee of the set to produce an availability data set in response to the availability request; and

a third process, running on the server, for transmitting the availability
30 data set to the wireless scheduling device.

15. A system according to claim 14, further including:
a fourth process, running on the wireless scheduling device, for displaying
data derived from the availability data set on the wireless scheduling device.

5 16. A system according to claim 15, wherein the data derived from the
availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.

17. A system according to claim 14, wherein the availability request is
communicated to the server via a network.

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18. A system according to claim 17, wherein the network includes the
Internet.

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19. A system according to claim 14, wherein the availability request includes
an identifier for each attendee and a time period for which availability should be
determined.

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20. A system according to claim 19, wherein the identifier for each attendee is
an email address.

21. A system according to claim 14, wherein the calendar data for each
attendee is stored in an availability database in communication with the server.

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22. A wireless scheduling device comprising:
availability logic for creating an availability request to determine schedule
availability for a set of attendees;
transmission logic for communicating the availability request to a server,
the server having access to calendar data for each attendee in the set of attendees;
and

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receiving logic for receiving an availability data set produced at the server
in response to the availability request.

23. A wireless scheduling device according to claim 22, further including:
display logic for displaying data derived form the availability data set.
- 5 24. A wireless scheduling device according to claim 23, wherein the data
derived from the availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.
25. A wireless scheduling device according to claim 22, wherein the
availability request includes an identifier for each of the attendees and a time
10 period for which availability should be determined.
26. A wireless scheduling device according to claim 25, wherein the identifier
for each attendee is an email address.